

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Immediately following is a complete listing of all claims, with approved status identifiers.

1. (Currently Amended) A housing device for releasably capturing ~~one of a plurality of essentially interchangeable unclaimed frames~~ a frame containing one or more ~~unclaimed reeds, said housing and reed-containing frame combining to form~~ of a caller for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially planar elastomeric material defining an essentially planar cavity having a size sufficient to relatively snugly capture the ~~unclaimed~~ frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the ~~unclaimed~~ reed(s), said elasticity providing resilience to said housing permitting said housing to essentially flex open to either capture or release the unclaimed frame.

2. (Currently Amended) A housing device described in claim 1, wherein said housing comprises an upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of a user's ~~unclaimed~~ palate, an essentially ventral aspect and an essentially dorsal aspect;

a dorsal perimeter of said cavity bounded by buttress of said housing, and said cavity opening towards said ventral aspect; and

said dorsal aspect of said housing comprising a flap essentially integrally extending dorsally from said buttress.

3. (Currently Amended) A housing device described in claim 2 wherein the

housing essentially comprises a pair of essentially horseshoe-shaped planar halves foldedly joined at their ends, each half mate-able with a corresponding plane of the other, said mated halves forming an upper plane and a lower plane as well as an essentially joined dorsal arc edge and respective ventral arc edges defining said cavity opening, essentially sandwiching within said cavity said ~~unclaimed~~ frame containing at least one resiliently-flexible ~~unclaimed~~ reed, wherein said housing device comprises and defines an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity sized to relatively releasably capture the upper and lower plane and the dorsal arc edge of said ~~unclaimed~~ frame, said ventral aspect of said housing comprising an essentially U-shaped ventral opening to said quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity.

4. (Previously Presented) A housing device described in claim 3, wherein said ventral aspect of said housing device further comprises an endstop for an end of each opposing arm of the caller frame.

5. (Previously Presented) A housing device described in claim 4, wherein said flap is essentially crescent, having an interior arc in integral extension from said buttress of said housing bounding the dorsal perimeter of the cavity.

6. (Currently Amended) A housing device described in claim 5, having a size sufficient to enable ready placement of said caller at least near the palate of the user, said crescent flap conformed to relatively snugly contact the user's palate and prevent the passage of air between the palate and any ~~unclaimed~~ reed.

7. (Canceled.)
8. (Currently Amended) A housing device described in claim 6 wherein said upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of a user's ~~unclaimed~~ palate comprises an essentially convex surface.
9. (Currently Amended) A housing device described in claim 8 wherein said convex surface comprises a surface essentially formed as the contour of an ~~unclaimed~~ a human palate.
10. (Previously Presented) A housing device described in claim 8, said flap comprising an essentially concave lower surface.
11. (Previously Presented) A caller comprising a combination reed-containing frame and a housing device for releasably capturing said frame containing one or more reeds for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially planar elastomeric material defining an essentially planar cavity having a size sufficient to relatively snugly capture the frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the reed(s), said elasticity providing resilience to said housing permitting said housing to essentially flex open to either capture or release the frame.
12. (Currently Amended) A caller described in claim 11, said housing comprising an upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of a user's ~~unclaimed~~ palate, an essentially ventral aspect and an essentially dorsal aspect;

a dorsal perimeter of said cavity bounded by buttress of said housing, and said cavity opening towards said ventral aspect; and

said dorsal aspect of said housing comprising a flap essentially integrally extending dorsally from said buttress.

13. (Previously Presented) A caller described in claim 12, wherein:

said caller comprising a pair of essentially horseshoe-shaped planar halves each mate-able with a corresponding plane of the other, said mated pair forming an upper plane and a lower plane as well as an essentially joined dorsal arc edge and respective ventral arc edges defining said cavity opening, essentially sandwiching within said cavity said frame containing at least one resiliently-flexible reed;

said housing comprising and defining an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity sized to relatively releasably capture the upper and lower plane and the dorsal arc edge of said frame, said ventral aspect of said housing comprising an essentially U-shaped ventral opening to said quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity.

14. (Previously Presented) A caller described in claim 13, wherein said ventral aspect of said housing device further comprises an endstop for an end of each opposing arm of said frame.

15. (Previously Presented) A caller described in claim 14, wherein said flap is essentially crescent, having an interior arc in integral extension from said buttress of said housing bounding the dorsal perimeter of the cavity.

16. (Currently Amended) A caller described in claim 15 having a size sufficient to enable ready placement of said caller at least near the ~~unclaimed~~ palate of a user, said crescent flap conformed to relatively snugly contact the user's palate and prevent the passage of air between the palate and any reed.

17. (Currently Amended) A caller described in claim 16, said flap comprising an upper surface adaptable to mimic the contour of the user's ~~unclaimed~~ palate.

18. (Currently Amended) A caller described in claim 17, wherein said upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of the user's ~~unclaimed~~ palate comprises an essentially convex surface.

19. (Currently Amended) A caller described in claim 18, said convex surface comprising a surface essentially formed as the contour of a ~~unclaimed~~ human palate.

20. (Currently Amended) A caller described in claim 16, said flap comprising an essentially concave lower surface.

21. (Canceled.)

22. (Currently Amended) A housing device for releasably capturing ~~an unclaimed a~~ frame containing one or more ~~unclaimed~~ reeds, ~~said housing and reed containing frame~~

~~combining to form~~ of a caller for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially horseshoe-shaped elastomeric material comprising:

(a) an essentially crescent-shaped cavity-less planar flap portion having one edge terminating in a convex dorsal arc edge and having a second edge concluding said crescent shape, said elastomeric material extending past said second edge and diverging into a pair of essentially parallel planes ending in a parallel pair of essentially U-shaped concave ventral arc edges defining an essentially U-shaped opening into an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity, said cavity having a size sufficient to relatively snugly capture the ~~unclaimed~~ frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the ~~unclaimed~~ reed(s), said elasticity providing resilience to said housing permitting said housing to essentially flex open to either capture or release an ~~unclaimed~~ a frame;

(b) said housing device comprising an upper plane having an upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of a user's ~~unclaimed~~ palate; and

(c) said housing device comprising a lower plane having a lower concave surface.